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SENATE BILL 2

By Herron

AN ACT to name a certain bridge in Weakley County in honor of the late George Broussard.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are proud to honor the memory of those august Tennesseans who, throughout their venerable lives, worked for the greater good of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, one such person was Mr. George Broussard, a longtime public servant of the good people of Weakley County, who passed away on January 3, 2002; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Broussard was born January 28, 1935 and grew up in Louisiana; he worked on plantations in Mississippi and British Honduras before coming to Weakley County; and

WHEREAS, he was an avid sportsman, duck hunter and gourmet connoisseur of Cajun cuisine who loved the land and the outdoors; and

WHEREAS, George served with distinction as a Weakley County Commissioner from 1978 to 1982 and again from 1986 until his death; and

WHEREAS, he served as Mayor of the Town of Sharon beginning in 1979, and during his eight years in office the town experienced tremendous process; and

WHEREAS, his many achievements aside, George Broussard was most appreciative of the support and love of his wife, Glenda Lee, and their son, Stewart; and

WHEREAS, the Weakley County Commission has requested this body to name a certain bridge spanning the Middle Fork of the Obion River on State Route 43/U.S. Highway 45E between Sharon and Greenfield to memorialize this distinguished Tennessean, whose significant contributions to Weakley County and its citizens will never be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body most heartily concur with this excellent proposal to honor the memory of this exemplary man and citizen; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the bridge spanning the Middle Fork of the Obion River between Sharon and Greenfield on State Route 43/U.S. Highway 45E in Weakley County is hereby designated as the "George Broussard Memorial Bridge" as a lasting tribute to this gentleman for his dedicated service.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "George Broussard Memorial Bridge".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5.

(1) This act shall become operative only if Weakley County, Tennessee, either (1) remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the department of transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this act or manufactures such signs in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (2). Weakley County shall make

such payment prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to Weakley County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, Weakley County shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

(2) Weakley County may manufacture and erect such signs provided that such signs are manufactured and erected pursuant to state and federal guidelines and approved by the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.